**DISTANCE SCOUTING PROGRAMME 13**

**(12 JUNE 2020)**

**“THE DRINGLES – WELCOME TO THE RUN”**

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| **You have until 19h00 on Friday 19 June 2020 to complete this programme. Follow the instructions carefully and you will be marked “present” for the programme, earn points for your patrol and hopefully compete some advancement and prepare for upcoming programmes and camps. More importantly, HAVE FUN!!!** |

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| **Equipment required for programme:**   * A cellphone with internet access and WhatsApp access to your patrol WhatsApp Group and a stop watch. * Equipment to make a bird feeder (traveller scouts only). This could be a variety of things from a plastic bottle with some dowel sticks to pieces of wood, nails, chain etc. Its up to you! * Paper and a writing implement * Your personal journal |

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| **The PL should, as always, designate who is doing what and, if nobody is doing an item (such as posting a training video) do this item so that the patrol can complete the programme.** |

Humans are silly things, caught up in silly lives and silly problems and who seldom take the time to SEE things properly. Small humans are a little better. They do see things for what they really are, but the larger humans tend to ignore them.

This has allowed Dringles to live amongst humans for thousands of years, generally unnoticed. Young children often see us, but adults dismiss their stories as being the stuff of imagination. Even adults occasionally see or hear Dringles, but normally convince themselves that they are “just seeing things” or that some mundane explanation like “the wind” or “the cat” is responsible for an open window that they shut moments before, a missing trinket or a feeling that they are being watched.

So what is a Dringle? Dringles are part of the small folk, which includes brownies, faeries, elves and hobbits. They are seldom taller than 10cm, wear dull clothes to allow them to blend in with the background and have long, squirrel-like tails.

Dringles live in small communities called Runs, normally in hidden holes in the walls of a house, or burrows at the bottom of the garden, often in an old tree-stump. They love bright things (which is why spoons, knives and forks so often go missing in human households) and also love helping out, helping make the lives of the mundane humans that much easier. “Good luck” is often actually a helpful Dringle. They also have a mischievous streak and will often play jokes on their human neighbours, just for laughs. They love puzzles and games and can spend hours playing.

You are part of a small Run of Dringles that has been observing a group of scouts under quarantine in an hotel. What a busy lot the scouts have been! You have seen them making masks, preparing to go back home and learning about safety. They have also been busy with puzzles, one of which you have managed to solve!

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Words / phrases found:

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| Honour | Help | Trusty | Obedient |
| Promise | Other people | Loyal | Smiley |
| Best | All times | Friendly | Thrifty |
| Duty | Obey | Useful | Clean in body |
| God | Scout | Courteous | Clean in mind |
| Country | Law | Kind |  |

From the scouts’ discussions you have gathered that there is something really wrong with the human world and that they could probably use a helping hand. The scouts have just left the hotel to go home, but the Run has been summonsed to discuss the crisis and whether the Dringles should help out.

**INSPECTION:**

At your meeting the Dringle Chief notes that there seems to be a virus called “Covid-19” infecting the humans. You all agree that this is very bad and you wonder how you can help. Larkin is a Dringle who generally has really good ideas. She suggests that for a start all Dringles in the Run should learn what the symptoms are of this Covid-19 and what steps to take if you come across a human with this virus, including how to contact their National hotline.

**This covers Item 2 of the Covid-19 Awareness Badge. For the full requirements visit** <https://www.scouts.org.za/2020/05/26/covid-19-awareness-badge/>

Some useful sites with information on Covid-19 are:

* <https://sacoronavirus.co.za/> (Department of Health Covid-19 website)
* <https://www.netcare.co.za/News-Hub/Articles/what-to-do-and-not-to-do-if-you-suspect-you-might-have-covid-19> (Netcare article on steps to take if you think you have Covid-19)
* <https://www.scouts.org.za/members/covid-19-info-for-members/> (SCOUTS SA Covid-19 information page)

Show that you know how to identify Covid-19 symptoms and know what to do with a suspected Covid-19 case. On your patrol WhatsApp Group, list the following:



* Symptoms of Covid-19
* Steps to take if you think you have Covid-19
* The National Covid-19 hotline.

Then learn the National Covid-19 hotline number by heart. Get your parent / legal guardian to post a message on your patrol WhatsApp group once they are happy that you know it by heart. You should wait at least an hour before memorising the hotline number and getting tested.

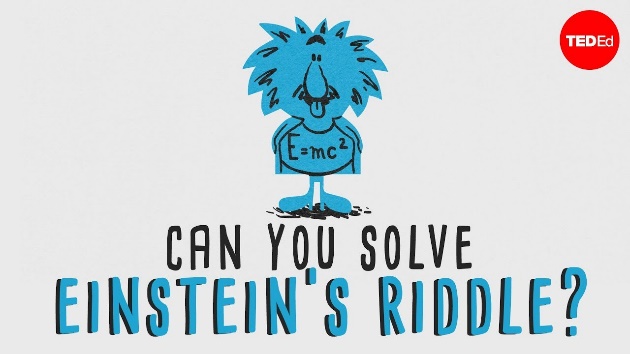
**GAME:**

This wouldn’t be a Dringle Run without some fun and puzzles, even in the middle of a tragedy for the humans! Dribble is your best friend and has found a riddle supposedly created by one of the brainiest humans of all time – Albert Einstein. Apparently only 2% of humans can solve it, surely a Dringle can do better than a human? The riddle has been adapted slightly to cater for scouts.

The Riddle: **This picture is NOT a clue.**

There are five houses in a row, each of a different colour. Each house is owned by a human with a different nationality, with a unique pet, who drinks a unique beverage and has a unique favourite branch of scouting. Can you work out who is who given the following clues? In particular, who owns the fish?

* The Brit lives in the red house.
* The Swede has a dog as a pet.
* The Dane drinks tea.
* The green house is on the left of the white house.
* The green house’s owner drinks coffee.
* The person who like Meerkats keeps birds.
* The owner of the yellow house likes Cubs.
* The person in the centre house drinks milk.
* The Norwegian lives in the first (left-most) house.
* The fan of Rovers lives next to the keeper of cats.
* The person who keeps horses lives next to the fan of Cubs.
* The fan of Scouts drinks lemonade.
* The German is a fan of Scouters.
* The Norwegian lives next to the blue house.
* The fan of Rovers lives next to someone who drinks water.

Dringles love to work in teams so make use of your patrol in trying to get to the bottom of the riddle, the more cooperation, the more points. Once you get your answer, post it on your Patrol WhatsApp Group. If you get stuck, post your thoughts on the group and see if your patrol can help out with some suggestions. Remember, no cheating, the entire Run will look down on you if you tried to pass off solving a riddle when you had really cheated!

A hint: often the only way to find out what something is is to find out what it is not.

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**READY TO FLY:**

After the meeting the Dringle Chief calls you aside and notes that she couldn’t tell the rest of the Run, but that a butterfly has arrived from The Elders indicating that the situation is more dire than he let on. The Chief would like you to represent the Run at the Runnymead, a meeting of Runs called only in the most dire circumstances. A Runnymead has not been called since World War II, so things must be really serious.

You will need to prepare for a long journey and be ready to report to the Runnymead on what your Run knows about the situation. Normally Dringles make use of an extensive network of tunnels to visit neighbouring Runs, but because of the distance involved in getting to the Runnymead this is not really an option. You will need to make to make use of one of the many avian friends of the Dringles to get to your destination. Can you get one of your feathered friends to help out? A large bird will be best, but they are becoming rarer and rarer, something that you attribute to the activities of humans. Maybe while you are at the Runnymead you will also talk about the humans’ impact on the environment and their efforts to conserve the environment.

**If you have not completed your Traveller Service Theme Badge** construct a bird feeder to attract a suitable flying companion. Take a picture of the completed bird feeder set up to feed birds and post it on your Patrol WhatsApp group. Then for a week observe the area carefully and make a list of the birds that visit the area (including your feeder) and post this list on your group after your week’s observation has finished so you can pick a suitable mode of transport. Unless you make the feeder on the Friday that you receive this programme, your time to post your bird list will fall during next week’s programme. It is important that you post your bird list to pass off this part of your Traveller Badge. Try take some photos of bird making use of your feeder and post them on your patrol WhatsApp group.

**This covers Item 2ii(a) of the Traveller Service Theme Badge.**

If you enjoy the bird watching element of this task, have you considered doing your Ornithologist Badge?

<https://scoutwiki.scouts.org.za/index.php?title=Ornithologist_Scout_Interest_Badge>

If you enjoyed making the bird feeder, have you considered doing either your Carpenter or Metal Worker Badges?

<https://scoutwiki.scouts.org.za/index.php?title=Carpenter_Scout_Interest_Badge>

<https://scoutwiki.scouts.org.za/index.php?title=Metal_Worker_Scout_Interest_Badge>

If you enjoyed taking pictures of the birds, have you considered doing your Photographer badge?

<https://scoutwiki.scouts.org.za/index.php?title=Photographer_Scout_Interest_Badge>

**If you have completed your Traveller Service Theme Badge but have not completed your Discoverer Service Theme Badge** prepare a report for the Runnymead setting out all the activities that you have observed the scouts doing during lockdown. The report should take the form of an article suitable for publication in a local newspaper and should if possible include photographs of your activities. The article should educate readers about scouts and attract young readers to consider doing scouts. Post your article on your patrol WhatsApp group and, once your TS has approved it, send it to a local newspaper for publication OR post it on your troop blog or website.

**This covers Item 1i(a) of the Discoverer Service Theme Badge.**

**If you have completed your Discoverer Service Theme Badge** research one of the humans’ wildlife or environmental agencies. As part of this research find out about one of their local conservation projects and how scouts can get involved in the project. Once you have done contact your TS who will help set up a session for you to give a short (roughly 15 minute) presentation on the agency of your choice. This will ideally be via a distance meeting platform like Zoom, Teams or Discord but depending on the resources of the scouts in your troop could take other forms such as a video presentation uploaded to YouTube or to Dropbox or a written presentation. Ideally your presentation should include some time for questions over and above the 15 minute presentation.

**This covers Item 3i of the First Class Service Theme Badge.**

**ID BOOK:**

The Dringle Chief has indicated that you will need some sort of identification to enter the Runnymead. Every Dringle knows that the best form of identification is a self-portrait. Using the clues in this programme as to what features a Dringle has, draw a picture of yourself as a Dringle and post it on your Patrol WhatsApp group. The drawing does not need to have any resemblance to a human, it is a picture of you, a pure Dringle with a bushy tail.

**BLOGS:**

The human scouts are not that good at updating their patrol blogs. Do your good deed as a Dringle and get your patrol blog updated, or help a human scout with updating their personal diary. Post on your Patrol WhatsApp Group when you have done so.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**



* SCOUTS South Africa has challenged each troop to take part in a hike to Mafikeng. BP was in charge of Mafikeng (now Mahikeng) during the Second Anglo-Boer / Anglo-South African War. In order to get to his post he would have travelled from Cape Town, some 1 290km away. The challenge is for the troop to complete this distance, for which we will receive a certificate. Go out each day and make a note of how far you “hike”. Together we need to try and reach 1 290km before 1 August 2020. If you personally complete 20km, you will get a badge. Details of the challenge can be found at <https://www.scouts.org.za/hike-mahikeng-challenge/>

The troop would like to issue out two special challenges:

1. Can your patrol cover the 1 290km before 1 August 2020? 100 points to each patrol that achieves this feat.
2. Can you personally complete the 1 290km before 1 August 2020? 100 points to each patrol member that completes this feat and a special prize at the end of lockdown.

Remember to post updates on your patrol WhatsApp group as to how far you have travelled so that this can be added to your time for the challenge!

* Applications for the National Senior Scout Adventure are now open. If you are going to be 15 or older please message your PL that you want to take part and register at <https://cederbergadventure.co.za/>. **DO NOT PAY A DEPOSIT YET!!!**
* A reminder that SCOUTS South Africa has made branded facemasks available at a cost of R40,00 per mask, excluding delivery. Visit the online scout shop at <https://shop.scouts.org.za/> to place your order.
* The Northrand Scout District is running a competition for all NORTHRAND Scouts. The Northrand Scout that earns the most interest and/or scoutcraft badges during the lockdown will win a prize worth roughly R150,00. Can you be the best in the district and scoop the prize?

SCOUTS South Africa has developed a Covid-19 awareness badge. Are you up to the challenge? Visit <https://www.scouts.org.za/2020/05/26/covid-19-awareness-badge/> for information on the requirements.

* This Distance Scouting Programme is an experiment. We would appreciate constructive feedback on the programme. Please send this to [andrew.campbell@scouts.org.za](mailto:andrew.campbell@scouts.org.za).

**TROOP DISMISSED!**